led by Northern Engineering Industries and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The UK Government have evinced interest in financing the extension stage of the Rihand Super Thermal Power Project.

(b) The first unit of the Rihand Super Thermal Power Project Stage-I (2x500 MW), which was originally to be commissioned in June, 1987, is scheduled to be commissioned in the fourth quarter of 1987. The commissioning programme has been affected by delays on the part of the lead contractor in mobilising project management resources and by delays in completion of design and engineering work, supplies etc.

USSR offer for construction of Power Plants

14. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 622 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd March, 1987 and state:

(a) whether there are any proposals from USSR for cooperation in the construction of new thermal power plants in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) USSR has shown interest in the construction of the second stage of Vindhyachal Thermal Power Project (2x500 MW), the Bakreshwar Thermal Power Project (3x210 MW) and a captive Thermal Power Station based on the coals of the Mukunda deposits in Bihar.

NTPC Targets for Power Generation

15. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 597 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd March, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Thermal Power Corporation has also failed to achieve its generation targets fixed for 1986-87; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of gas based power stations in the country

16. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 601 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th November, 1986 and state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision for setting up gas based power stations in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the amount of power that would be made available from such gas based power stations; and

(c) whether any gas based power stations are also to be set up in Andhra Pradesh in view of the availability of large amount of natural gas in the Godavari basin?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATAGI): (a) and (b) The following gas-based power stations have been approved to be set up in various parts of the country in the last three years:—

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	State	Capacity
1	Gas based thermal power station, Ramgarh	Rajasthan	3MW
2	Lakwa gas turbine thermal power station (Phase II)	Assam	60MW
3	Gas based station at Rokhia	Tripura	10MW
4	Combined cycle gas turbine plant, Kawas	Gujarat	600MW
5	Combined cycle gas turnine plant,Auraiya	U.P.	600MW
6	Combined cycle gas turbine plant, Anta	Rajsathan	430MW
7	Baramura gas turbine project (3rd unit)	Tripura	5 MW

(c) The following proposals for setting up gas-based power stations in Andhra Pradesh have been received in the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) from the Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board.

(i) 3x3 MW mobile gas turbine sets Yenuguvani Lanka (Godaviri Basin).

(ii) 6x25 MW combined cycle plant in Narasapur—Razole area.

These proposals would be taken up for techno-economic appraisal by the CEA after all inputs have been tied up and availability of gas is confirmed.

Monitoring of the New Drug Policy

17. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:
SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of various drugs and medicines have steeply gone up since the new drug policy was announced; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to make essential drugs and medicines available to the common people freely and at reasonable prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Revision of prices of some drugs has taken place as per the provision of Drugs (Price Control) Order, 1979. Increase in the prices of drugs and medicines has been moderate in comparison to the increase in the price of other commodities.

(b) Various measures for rationalisation, quality control and growth of Pharmaceutical Industry in India announced by the Government aim at boosting production of drugs which are essential to the needs of large majority of the people of the country; at making the price control system less combersome but more effective by reducing the span of control and at ensuring reasonable return to the producers of essential drugs while at the same time restricting undue in-